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CONCORD, N.H.

Mr. William H. Messeck, Jr.
State Forester
Forestry and Recreation Commission
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

You have requested our opinion as to whether the Forest Fire Prevention and Training Officer should be considered as a law enforcement officer under the provisions of RSA 99:2 c. You have indicated that this position carries with it the powers of arrest similar to your District Fire Chiefs, and in addition, the incumbent will be required to work a minimum of 48 hours per week.

It is our opinion that the position of Forest Fire Prevention and Training Officer, carrying with it similar powers and duties of a District Fire Chief, comes within the category of law enforcement employee, as outlined in RSA 99:2 c. and if said employee regularly works 48 hours per week he is entitled to the added compensation equivalent to 4 hours per week.

Very truly yours,

Arthur E. Bean, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

AEB,Jr/T